

KCDHH extends reach through town hall meetings

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Kentucky's deaf and hard of hearing population will have an opportunity to share its opinions and shape important policy matters through a series of town hall meetings throughout the commonwealth.

Four town hall meetings have been finalized, with the first scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 17, in the banquet room of the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Madisonville from 2-4 p.m. CST. Refreshments will be served.

"This is a time for us to come together as a community, a community of diverse needs, but ultimately, a community that comes together from a position of strength," said Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) Executive Director Liz Hill.

The second town hall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m.-noon in the Walker Hall Cafeteria at the Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville.

The third town hall meeting will be Saturday, March 21, from 1-3 p.m. at the Big Sandy Area Development District office in Prestonsburg.

A fourth meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 2-4 p.m. at the Campbell County Library in Cold Spring.

Consumers will have the opportunity to meet Hill and other KCDHH staff, as well selected commissioners. They will have a chance to learn about the agency and its purpose, from legislated mandates to issues proposed in the 2009 legislative session. Those present at the meeting will also have a chance to express their experiences

and opinions of current opportunities for Kentucky's deaf and hard of hearing populations, which could influence future KCDHH initiatives and policy.

In addition to KCDHH, Hamilton Relay has agreed to sponsor the town hall series and will have representatives present at each meeting.

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The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has spent more than a quarter century providing effective and efficient leadership, education, advocacy and programs to eliminate barriers and to meet the social, economic, cultural and intellectual needs of deaf and hard of hearing Kentuckians. For more information, contact:

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